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Dear General Gandini:

Many thanks for your very kind invitation for September 19 when you will honor Mrs. Efisio Marras.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Smith is away on an extended trip and I, too, will be out of town on that date. Therefore, it is with regret that I must decline your invitation.

Sincerely,

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General W. Bedell Smith
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Dear General,

Mrs. Efisio Marras, wife of the Chief of the Italian General Staff, is here in the United States for a short stay and will be in Washington very soon.

I am giving a cocktail party in her honor on September 19th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at my home on Reno Road, 5303, and I would sincerely appreciate the honor of enjoying the company of you and Mrs. Smith on this occasion.

Please accept my most sincere regards.

Cesare Gandini

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Maj. General Italian Army

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